

Definition of a Counterfeit Part or Material

A suspect part of material that has been confirmed to be a copy, imitation, or substitute that has been represented, identified and/or marked as genuine without legal right or authority, with the intent to mislead, deceive, or defraud.

Impact of a Counterfeit Part or Material

- A. Released to the customers
- B. Part failure or shortened life cycle
- C. Failure to satisfy AS9100d requirements

Requirements

- A. Material or parts only purchased from a trusted source that has been proven to be reliable in providing only authentic and conforming material and is entered on a register of approved suppliers. When possible, material or parts are purchased directly from the OEM or approved distributor.
- B. A Certificate of Conformance (CofC) and associated documentation will accompany all shipments including but not limited to material certifications, test reports, country of material origin, material composition, and original manufacture if from a distributor.
- C. All accompanying reports and certifications will be traceable to each other and back to the origin.
- D. Incoming material or parts will be examined upon receipt to ensure the drawing, specifications, type, class style, part number, manufacture, CofC, and physical appearance are as ordered.
- E. Suspect or Counterfeit parts are reported, recorded, and isolated. An investigation will be initiated by the Quality or Purchasing Manager.
- F. Suspect or Counterfeit parts will not be returned to the vendor.
- G. All suppliers and sub-tier suppliers will be responsible for flowing down the requirements of this Counterfeit Program.

Reference

Industry Guidelines AS6174 and SAE AS6174 Counterfeit Material Acquisition of Authentic and Conforming Material.